THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) and (b) Wherever 4/6 laning works under National Highways Development Project (NHDP) are under implementation, their maintenance is carried out by the Contractors/Concessionaire to keep them in traffic worthy condition, as part of their obligations under contract/concession agreement. In case of the sections which have been identified under NHDP but 4/6 laning have not yet started, the maintenance of existing roads is carried out by NHAI, State Public Works Departments (PWDs)/Border Road Organisation (BRO) through funds provided by the Ministry of Shipping, Road Transport and Highways.

Road Accidents

2690. SHRI VIJAYKUMAR RUPANI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state

(a) the number of road accidents in 2004-05 and 2005-06;

(b) whether it is a fact that every year there is a steep rise in number of accidents;

(c) if so, the details thereof giving the deaths, serious injuries and loss of property in monetary terms, State-wise;

(d) whether it is a fact that Rajkot ranks and third amongst the big cities of the country in road accidents; and

(e) what steps are taken to avoid road accidents or to minimize them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) As reported by the States/UTs, the details regarding number of road accidents on all the roads during the years 2003,2004 and 2005 (the lates available data) are as under:—

Year	Road Accidents
2003*	406726
2004*	429910
2005(P)*	439255

P=Provisional *Calender year-wise

(b) No Sir,

(c) Number of persons killed and persons injured state-wise on all roads during the years 2003, 2004 and 2005 (latest available data) are given in statement (See below). However data relating to loss of property due to road accidents is not available as it is not compiled in this Ministry.

(d) The data relating to road accidents either occurred in Rajkot or any other city is not compiled by this Ministry.

(e) The safety of road users is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Government. However, this department has taken several steps to improve road safety for road users which are as under:

(i) Road safety is the integral part of road design at planning stage for National Highway/Expressways.

(ii) Various steps to enhance road safety such as road furniture, road markings/road signs, introduction of Highway Traffic Management System using Intelligent Transport System, enhancement of discipline among contractors during construction, road safety audit on selected stretches, have been undertaken by National Highways Authority of India.

(iii) Refresher training to Heavy Motor Vehicle drivers in the unorganized sector.

(iv) Involvement of NGOs for road safety activities by Department of Raod Transport and Highways and National Highways Authority of India.

(v) Setting up of Model Driving Training School in the country.

(vi) Publicity campaign on road safety awareness through audio-visual-print media.

(vii) Institution of National Award for voluntary organizations/individual for outstanding work in the field of road safety.

(viii) Tightening of safety standards of vehicles.

(ix) Provision of cranes and ambulances to various State Government/ NGOs under National Highway Accident Relief Service Scheme. National Highways Authority of India also provides ambulances at a distance of 50 Km. on each of its completed highways under its Operation & Maintenance contracts.

(x) Widening and improvements of National Highways from 2 lanes to 4 lanes and 4 lanes to 6 lanes etc.

Statement

The number of persons killed & persons injured in roads accidents

SI. No	State	2003		2004		2005(P)	
		Persons Killed	Persons Injured	Persons Killed	Persons Injured	Persons Killed	Persons Injured
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1.	Andhra Pradesh	9679	47477	10552	50895	10534	46613
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	127	374	166	419	87	330
3.	Assam	1122	4361	1288	4313	1544	5540
4.	Bihar	2368	4227	1791	2664	1588	2559
5.	Chhattisgarh	1881	8732	2060	9897	2258	10378
6.	Goa	235	2626	306	2730	242	2714
7.	Gujarat	5161	33680	5423	34436	5642	34901
8.	Haryana	3028	8287	3417	8643	3379	8773
9.	Himachal Pradesh	733	4358	836	4975	812	4507
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	836	8056	958	8889	884	8315
11.	Jharkhand	1699	4106	1869	4293	1919	3520
12.	Karnataka	6195	45781	6496	50395	6904	54061
13.	Kerala	2905	48640	3059	51228	3161	51217
14.	Madhya Pradesh	4523	33375	4703	37250	5327	39719
15.	Maharashtra	9483	46692	9875	47394	10259	40838
16.	Manipur	127	988	115	1090	137	1335
17.	Meghalaya	168	523	135	362	126	543
18.	Mizoram	76	112	59	131	59	127
19.	Nagaland	46	123	60	140	52	307
20.	Orissa	2293	8838	2454	9498	2549	10160
21.	Punjab	3655	4077	2580	4218	2793	4131
22.	Rajasthan	6025	29079	6477	31345	6793	29986
23.	Sikkim'	40	279	51	278	77	436
24.	Tamil Nadu	9275	55242	9507	57283	9758	62006
25.	Tripura	168	927	181	1160	209	1067
26.	Uttarakhand	756	1692	931	1870	868	1841

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
27	Uttar Pradesh	7845	9348	9946	13188	9955	12883
28	West Bengal	4361	12769	4994	14877	4727	15111
	Union Territories						
1.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	12	252	15	307	23	329
2.	Chandigarh	134	437	149	350	135	553
3.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	34	65	54	133	55	115
4	Daman & Diu	19	74	24	70	24	72
5.	Delhi	1801	7829	1907	8072	1862	8447
6.	Lakshadweep	0	1	0	3	0	5
7.	Puducherry	188	1695	180	1725	226	1843
	TOTAL:	85998	435122	92618	464521	94968	465282

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Development of NHs in Kerala

2691. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB PEEVEE: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:.

(a) whether any proposal is under consideration of Government for the development of highways and other roads in Kerala, the expenditure of which does not fall under any of Golden Quadrilateral or the North-South, East-West corridor project; and

(b) if so, the status report in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Seventeen works amounting to Rs. 6200.00 crore were sanctioned during 2006-07 for the development of National Highways in Kerala, which are in various stages of progress. In addition, 3 works to be taken up under NHDP Phase III are presently at DPR stage. For other roads, 4 works amounting to Rs. 28.50 crore and one work amounting to Rs. 14.24 crore were sanctioned under CRF and Inter State Connectivity ' respectively during the same period, which are also in various stages of progress.